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Phila. Jan. 12. 1883.

Thos. N. Montgomery Esq
Acctg Warden of Christ Church.

My dear Sir,

At a meeting of
the Vestry of St. Peters Church, held Dec.
19. 1882. the accompanying Report
was presented, and the resolutions
therein recommended were adopted.

In obedience to one of the
Resolutions I send you a copy of
the Report.

The pamphlets referred
to are here, and I should be
happy to send them to you should
you desire it.

Yours truly
Geo H. Fisher
Accounting Warden St. Peters Church

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Copy of Resolutions.

At a stated Meeting of the Vestry of St. Peters Church held April 12. 1882 the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, under the wills of Dr Kearsley and Mr Dobbins Christ Church Hospital was organized and endowed, and the management was intrusted to Christ Church and St. Peters Church, thereby a Committee composed of three persons from and appointed by each Vestry, therefore

Resolved; That Messrs Biddle, Harding, Fisher and Lansdale be, and and hereby are appointed a Committee to inquire into the character of the trust so created and to advise the Vestry whether in the appointment of the said three members from the Vestry, the said Trust so far as this Vestry is concerned is fully complied with; in whether there is involved in it the further responsibility of requiring from the said committee of management periodical reports of the state and work of the Hospital, the general results of its management, the state of its finances, and under what circumstances this Vestry is called upon to assume and exercise a direct supervision over the management and affairs of the Hospital

The Committee appointed under the Resolution (a copy of which is annexed) to inquire into the character of the trust created in regard to Christ Church Hospital, and to report upon the several matters mentioned in the said Resolution,

Respectfully Report,

That they have discharged the duty entrusted to them and beg leave to submit the following

Report.

By the will of Dr Kearsley, and by the Gift and will of Mr Dobbins, certain property was given to the Corporation known as the United Churches of Christ Church and St. Peters Church in the City of Philadelphia, for the erection and maintenance of a Charity to be called Christ Church Hospital.

These Churches were erected into separate Corporations in 1832 and by Act of Assembly passed in that year supplemented by an Act of Assembly in 1848, the management of this Hospital was intrusted to a Board of Managers selected equally from the Vestries of the two Churches. The ultimate control of the Charity must necessarily have continued to

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reside in the Churches, and the Board of Managers could only have been intended as a convenient mode of exercising the powers conferred upon the originally united, but afterwards separated, Church Corporations. The Legislature had no power to interfere with the inherent control which existed in these bodies.

It seems to follow, therefore, that the two Church Corporations can require the information, referred to in the resolution under which this Committee is appointed, to be given to them from time to time; as it is not only the right but the duty of the original Appointees for the management of this Charity, to maintain and continue its oversight thereof. It is supposed, ~~[illegible]~~ of course, that the Managers have always, when required, given such information to the respective Church Corporations by whom they are delegated to the management of this Charity; but it is suggested by your Committee that it would not be out of place at this time that the conclusions of this Corporation in this respect should be stated to the Vestry of Christ Church, and also to the Board of Managers of Christ Church Hospital.

Your Committee refer to the [accompanying

accompanying pamphlets marked I II and III which contain copies of, or full references to, the wills, Acts of Assembly and other documents throwing light upon the subject of their inquiry.

Your Committee therefore offer for your consideration the following

Resolutions

1 Resolved that the Board of Managers of Christ Church Hospital be requested to communicate annually to the Joint Meeting of the Vestries of the two churches, the General result of the management of Christ Church Hospital, the state and condition of its work for the past year and the existing condition of its finances.

2. Resolved that a copy of this Report be sent by the Accounting Warden to the Vestry of Christ Church and to the Board of Managers of Christ Church Hospital.

3 Resolved that this Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject

All of which is respectfully submitted by

Geo W Biddle
Geo Harding
Geo Harrison Fisher
W. Maylan Sandalls

Philadelphia
May 1882